

# MEMO from FCEM&HS (Web version)

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security

## JOIN IN THE STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL MARCH 24



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Welcome to this online memo from Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEM&HS).

March 21-27 is Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week in Ohio. FCEM&HS urges you to exercise your establishment's tornado safety plan during the **Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 24.**

Remember, tornadoes can strike anytime — there have been 26 tornadoes in Franklin County since 1950. Designing and exercising a tornado safety plan will help you respond appropriately in a real event.

We invite you to tell us of your drill participation and provide us your email address in an *online survey*. We will email you a certificate of participation in return. *Providing your email address in the survey will help ensure you receive our emails about the Statewide Tornado Drill in the future.*

### Here's how to participate in the 2010 Tornado Drill:

- Listen for the outdoor sirens at 9:50 a.m. March 24.
- Practice your safety plan — go to your designated tornado shelter.
- Tell us about your participation and provide us your email address in the online survey at [www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/survey.htm](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/survey.htm).



*One of the 172 outdoor warning sirens in Franklin County*

## GENERAL PREPAREDNESS TIPS

### Get Informed

- Get a weather alert radio. They're available from most electronics retailers. To learn more, go to [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/).
- Learn about the hazards we face in Franklin County at the FCEM&HS Web site: [www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs).
- Take a class like Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Visit our Web site and click "Training."

### Get a Plan

- Know a safe place to shelter during tornadoes at work, home or school.
- Keep extra emergency supplies on hand (battery-operated radio, food, water, medication).

### Get Involved

- Exercise your tornado plan on March 24 at 9:50 a.m. during the statewide drill and share your results at [www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/survey.htm](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/survey.htm).
- If you can't drill on March 24, choose another date in March or April and share your results with us online.
- Volunteer for five minutes each week monitoring the Franklin County Outdoor Warning Siren System during weekly siren tests. Learn more at [www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/Volunteers.cfm](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/Volunteers.cfm).



*One type of weather alert radio with backup battery power*

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